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SUBJECT: SECTION 102 (G) PEDOPHILIA CERTIFICATION: WORLD
TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO)

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11. (U) Per reftel, poloff conducted an investigation into the membership of the World Tourism Organization (WTO), based in Madrid, to confirm that no members of this organization condone or seek the legalization of pedophilia. Based on this investigation, post believes that there is no reason to suspect that the WTO grants any official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization which promotes or seeks the legalization of pedophilia or has subsidiaries or member organizations that do.

12. (U) Poloff first researched WTO's own programs to combat sexual exploitation of children in tourism. The WTO has an extensive program under the "Task Force to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation in Tourism, established in 1997. The task force's stated aim is "to prevent, uncover, isolate and eradicate the sexual exploitation of children in tourism." The WTO also has issued various statements on the prevention of organized sex tourism, and a joint statement with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) condemning sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism.

13. (U) Poloff contacted the WTO's Task Force to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation in Tourism coordinator Marina Diotallevi (also head of WTO's Ethical, Social, and Cultural Affairs) to discuss the WTO program to combat sexual exploitation of children. Diotallevi explained that the WTO cooperates with various international NGOs working to combat pedophilia, especially ECPAT (End Child Prostitution, Pornography and Trafficking), with which the WTO works closely. (Embassy has a list of NGOs cooperating with the WTO on this issue.)

14. (U) Emboff also reviewed the list of approximately 308 "Affiliate Members," which includes a wide range of organizations (corporations, federations, airlines, unions, government agencies, and NGOs). A review of this list gave no reason to suspect that any of the organizations were related with approval or promotion of the legalization of pedophilia. Post has a copy of this list.

15. (U) Emboff also contacted ECPAT to talk about their cooperation with the WTO, and spoke with Camelia Tepelus, coordinator of the Code Secretariat (which is dedicated to "the protection of children from sexual exploitation in travel and tourism"). Telpelus verified a good working relationship between the WTO and ECPAT on projects to combat sexual exploitation of children in tourism.

16. (U) Total staff time dedicated to this project was approximately one working day.

17. (U) Embassy will pouch related lists and information to IO/SHA per reftel.

18. (U) Embassy contact for this issue is Polical Officer Rob Allison, AllisonRS@state.gov, 34 91 587 2393.
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